

# Beechwood Sharks 2020 Swim Team Info sheet

Thank you for your patience as we've worked to figure out creative summer swim options and waited for all the necessary information. I am excited to let you know that the pool is now open!! As you can imagine, this will look a bit different from past seasons. While my focus will be keeping our kids and community safe, I'm also looking forward to bringing swimmers an exciting swim season full of fun, stroke development and a little fun competition. **Below are the details as well as the link to registration. Please complete registration before June 18 so I have adequate time to finalize coaching schedules and place kids into appropriate practice groups.**

New member tryouts will be **Monday, June 15th from 9am-11am. Rain date June 18th 9am-11am.** The season will run from **June 22nd-August 7th.** Cost: \$100 for the 1st family swimmer, \$75 for the 2nd, \$60 for the 3rd. (Family max of \$235 plus B.R.A. Family membership paid BEFORE joining the team.) While there will be no in-person meets this year, to include City Meet, I am looking forward to making this year fun and competitive through intra-team competitions and individual challenges. I have decided not to participate in GPSA for this season, but I do anticipate having our own competitive fun. The good news: parents won't have to volunteer at any structured meets and I can concentrate more on individualized coaching for each swimmer.

Team members must be independent, unassisted swimmers this year. Due to phase 2 rules, I am unable to be in the water with weaker swimmers as I usually do with our less experienced children, therefore, all swimmers must be able to swim the full length of the pool without assistance.

Practice times and skill level groups will be finalized once tryouts are complete and registrations received. While I can't say, at the moment, exactly what the practice schedule will look like, I'll have a better idea once I have all registrations in hand and have evaluated new team members. For now, I'm anticipating 2 or 3 sessions with 1 to 2 swimmers per lane, staggered. If 2 swimmers per lane, they will begin from opposite ends of the pool and 10 feet of space will be maintained in the pool as well as on deck). Swimmers will remain in their lane for the entirety of that day's practice and may rotate lanes throughout the week.

Swimmers must enter through the front gate, 6 feet apart, and will receive a series of screening questions and proceed to a designated spot on the deck where they can place their belongings and wait for the start of practice. Once inside the gate, EVERYONE is to maintain a minimum of 10ft apart. Parents must not leave until they are certain their child has been cleared for practice. Upon finishing practice, swimmers must do their best to keep their distance from each other during session changeover.

Parents and siblings may wait for their swimmers while maintaining a 10ft distance from others, however must stay out of the Coach's and Swimmers' way. It is recommended that anyone that wishes to remain at practice, to bring their own chair, as the Association's will be kept in a designated, roped off area, and are patron cleaned before and after each use. I will not have the

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time, nor capability to monitor everyone's adherence to this policy. For your convenience, we now have silver sharks fins placed all around the pool area, 10ft apart.

Swimmers MUST bring their own goggles, swim caps and towels as there will be no borrowed items this year. I recommend bringing 2 of each, as these items typically break throughout the season. Swimmers must come dressed in their suits, ready to practice.

Swimmers who have had a fever must remain home for 48 hours after the fever has ceased without the use of medicine. If your child is feeling sick at all, please keep them home - even if it's just a sore throat or headache. If any swimmer or family member tests positive for Covid-19, contact Coach Deb immediately. It is of the utmost importance that team members who may have come into contact are notified quickly.

I know this season will feel different without all the usual social elements, but for now, I am excited to provide our kids with a fun, yet safe, environment to get back into the water and provide a bit of normalcy in their summer routine. The Association as a whole greatly appreciates your willingness to work with us this year and we look forward to welcoming your swimmers back in the water. Got more questions? Feel free to reach out to me either on our Facebook page (Beechwood Sharks) or via email at [beechwoodsharks@gmail.com](mailto:beechwoodsharks@gmail.com).

Best,  
Coach Deb